CARVER HIGH SCHOOL

This past week, students here at Carver have been expressing themselves as to the needs here at school. Many letters have been sent in to us as reporters, but we are publishing only a few.

At Carver High we are all disappointed over our school situation. Three years ago we were promised a new school by the next September, but that school has yet to be started. 17 years ago our parents relate to us they were promised "an addition." Now, we hear there is perhaps another "promise" to be heard, that of an auditorium and gymnasium. Our auditorium is merely two classrooms with a thin partition between them. Our stage is a cracker box affair; the boards separate if you step on them at the wrong angle. Except on clear days, our students are crowded together in classrooms for Physical Education Period. I think we at Carver are doing a good job under the conditions which we struggle. Students from Carver have gained national recognitions. Buildings don't make an individual, but indeed it helps a great deal. I know we deserve a better Carver.

—A Student, Edna Williams.

First of all we need a new school in order that we may be united. At present the elementary students are being taught in the basement and first floor of a private apartment house. Secondly, a part of them are being taught in a ridiculous building known as a part of the old Veteran's CCC Camp which is large enough to comfortably seat twenty; but now accomodates 54 sixth grade students. Speaking of the "Dark Ages" in history, this building represents the "Dark Ages in Education." Could our Board feel proud to point this out to a Board of Education or state official in the educational department - this shabby building completely isolated, surrounded by high weeds, unpainted, as our Negro sixth grade classroom?

Third, we need a heating system. Our heating system is obsolete. Cracks are large enough to put coal in from the sides without opening the fuel door. Sometimes we are smoked out like bee hives, while at the front of the room the students bake and those in the back are freezing. Fourth, the State Department recently accredited our school and rated it an "A Grade Accredited High School," which means our graduates can be accepted in any college. There were discrepancies that had to be met; namely, a science laboratory with running water, and other items. A small "closet" in a classroom is supposed to be known as the "Lab." Consequently, water was installed. Now we have an A grade Science Lab. What a farce! I thought in a lab there were Bunsen burners, flasks, microscopes, all types of chemicals, so that experiments can be carried on. We can do the work if we have the equipment and space. We have good science students here.

Our Library is used as a regular classroom. It's no place for research or concentrated study, as the name implies. Our Principal has no office, no secretarial help other than a teacher, which is another "standard" for an accredited school.

Last, and one extreme need is an auditorium. We get so tired of opening the partition, there is no comfort or space in our two classroom auditorium. Really, we are thoroughly ashamed of our entire school system.

Our students have been to other good schools, and read what other counties are doing for their Negro pupils. If we didn't deserve these things, we would not be writing. But every year we are receiving better training, more and more going to college — this year a third of our Seniors definitely are going to college, and these students have been inspired here at school. What would be our outlook if more beauty in a now drab, poor lighted, and equipped classrooms were erased? No group of people can be more than its minority group. Give us a chance.

—A Concerned Students, Gracie Daniel.

We all know about the conditions here at Carver, but not those in the Elementary Department. First, I think Mrs. M. J. Price, has been rather nice and patient these 3 long years, but if you could see her kitchen rug on Saturday's when her boys are trying to clean it, you wouldn't dare let those children stay there another moment. Of course, there is a classroom in her dining room, but if you could see how that room looks now! When school is over we use the garden hose and wash and paint for about two months to get it clean again. They have hot lunches, and cooking is done on the stove in the classroom. Often the teachers cook at home foods that require several hours to cook. This is done to give the smaller children a hot meal at the noon hour. Lights are very poor. Why? It's a home, not a classroom. The rooms are small; therefore the seats are too close, and everyday they are rearranged in a different way trying to be comfortable and to get light. Two classes are held in the large first floor room. Here the screens are used as the partition. There is a fence around the lawn to protect the grass, for where there is no fence there is no grass. The years put into his building, and now to tear it to pieces with school.

—A Senior, Roberta Megginson.

We are badly in need of a new school. The elementary children are studying in the home of Mrs. Price, our Supervisor. It is nerve-rending to see the students without a school. The first graders are in the basement where the wind blows, and the rain beats in through the cracks which makes it a very unhealthy place to stay. We need a gymnasium. It is a lot of trouble carrying chairs back and forth from classes to assembly and it causes great confusion. We also need a library to study in peace. We need a library where it is quiet and comforttable.

—A Tenth Grader,
Doris E. Fleshman.

Some of our needs are too numerous to mention. I will try to point out some here. First, Carver needs a well equipped entire plant from grade 1 to 12. As a student, I'm not ashamed to tell the public about our school and its facilities. Our main building consists of 3 rooms for the high school. Two of these three rooms are used for an auditorium. During the class period a partition is between the two rooms. We as students cannot do our very best work. We cannot concentrate on our work. The other building on our campus is for Home Ec. and Ag only. Then the shop building. This is all the space we have. Yesterday Carver did not have a completed school. Today Carver does not have a complete school. But Tomorrow, we as students wish to have a completed school, not only for ourselves particularly but for the future generations.

—A Tenth Grader,
McKinley Tanner.

We wish there were more room to put in all the expressions coming from all classes here at Carver.

We'll be seeing you next week.

LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Please give me a little space in your paper to express myself to my friends and to the public as to how I think we can help ourselves. We are told that the Lord will help them that will help themselves. How can we help ourselves - by doing the things the Lord says do in His word. Ther are 365 days in the year and 52 Sundays. We should give the 52 Sundays to the Lord in our homes and at church. Each Sunday trying to serve the Lord and making this world a better place to live in. Let us give thanks to the Lord for bringing us safely through the past year and we are blessed to see a new year, 1950. Let us try to make ourselves better in 1950.

—Henry Phelps.

Colored Dots

The public is invited to attend regular preaching services at Galilee Baptist Church at 11 A. M. Sunday. The 8 P. M. program will be given by the Zion Baptist Church, Pamplin under the direction of Mrs. George Smith. Music will be rendered by the Franklin Five tone singers.

The Divine Gospel Singers, Lynchburg, will give a special musical program at Mount Shiloh on the first Sunday in March at 3 P. M.

The Health for Victory Club will hold a special service at the Mount Obed Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday in this month at 3 P. M.

A special meeting of the Appomattox Improvement cemetery committee will be held at the First Baptist Church tonight at 7:30.

Norman Turner is improving at Lynchburg general hospital, after a serious operation.

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North Carolina State basketball team leads Southern Conference.

Bills on seafood industry debated in General Assembly.

School grants to be based on enrollment.

Number of European students are visiting in United States.

Stafford County seeking a school loan of $400,000.

Virginia Masons having meeting of Grand Lodge in Richmond.

Hopewell stresses the opportunities of its port.

Texas senator says the U. S. lags in guided missile program.

Floods spread over large area in midwest.

Waitress' Kindness Pays Her Off to the Tune of $90,000

CHICAGO.—One of the most outstanding cases on record where kindness "paid off" is provided in the experience of Mrs. Leona Smith, a 40-year old, red-haired waitress.

Declared by him to be his only friend, Lucien Gerald Walker, 83-year old retired businessman, left her his estate of more than $90,000. Walker, retired owner of a fabric import and export firm, named Mrs. Smith his sole beneficiary in a will signed five days before he died.

Mrs. Smith had been with him almost constantly during the last 10 days of his life. She had a cot in his hospital room on which she took short naps whenever she could find the time.

Two of Walker's relatives began a contest of his will. His sisters-in-law, Mrs. Wylma Perry Spann and Mrs. Olive Perry Maupin of Vicksburg, Miss., charged that at the time he did so, Walker was "wholly mentally incompetent to execute a will." They wish to admit to probate an earlier will which named them his beneficiaries.

Mrs. Smith met Walker 12 years ago when he began taking his two daily meals in the coffee shop in which she worked. Walker was a permanent resident of the hotel. She said she knew that he was a lonely man and tried to do "little things" for him, such as seeing that he got plenty of white meat when he ordered chicken and being sure that his bacon was crisp.

About 10 years ago Mrs. Smith invited Walker to her home for Christmas dinner. After that he spent every Thanksgiving and Christmas and most Sundays with Mrs. Smith, her husband and daughter, now 15.

In the last year, Mrs. Smith said, Walker had been too ill to go to her home for dinner, so she and her daughter would meet him downtown on holidays.

Walker's simple, one-page will read:

"I bequeath all my personal property to my friend, Leona M. Smith of Chicago, who in my old age and last illness has really proven to be my friend."

Churchill calls for new peace talk by Big Three.

French to test guided missile in North Africa.

Sale of coal to be curbed in Washington.

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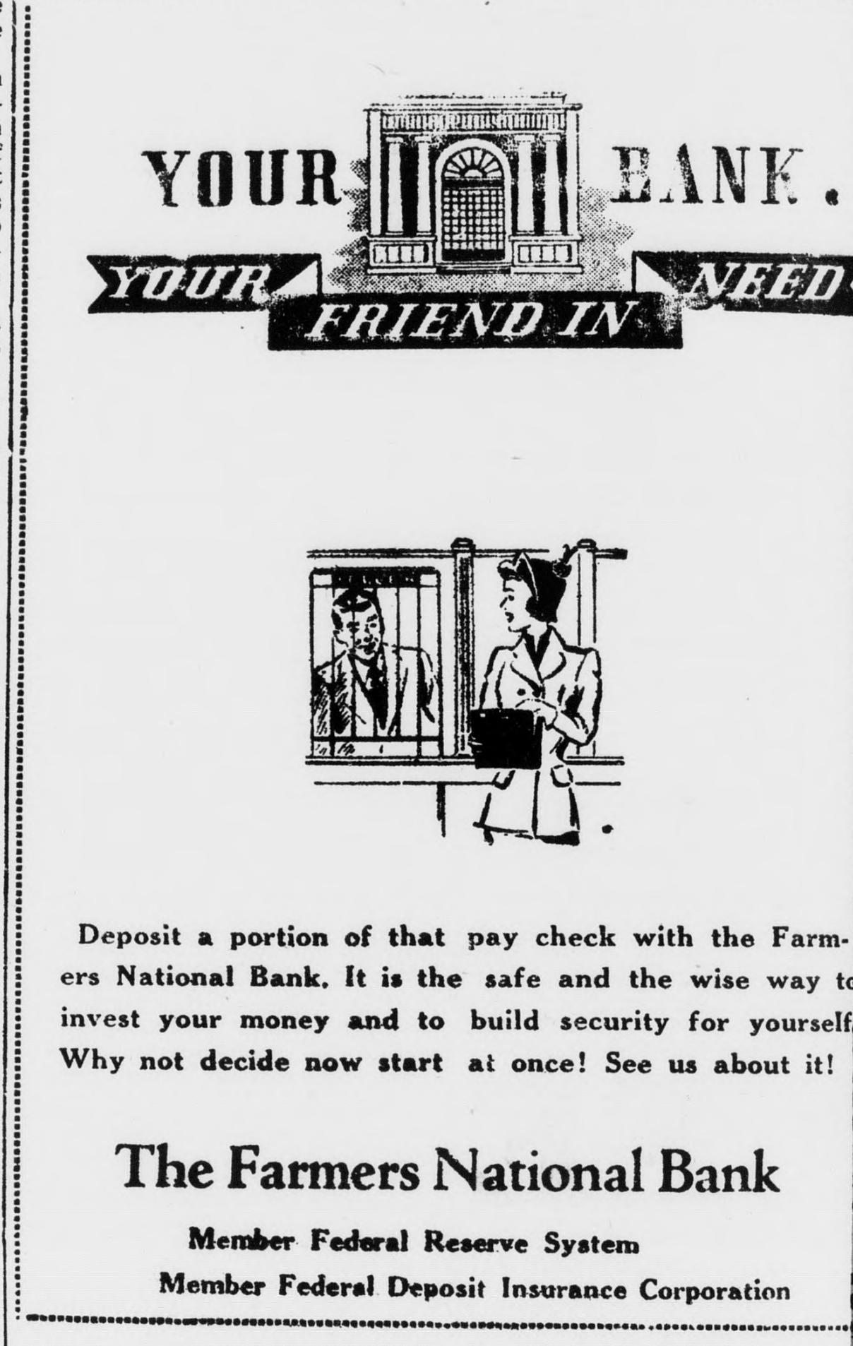

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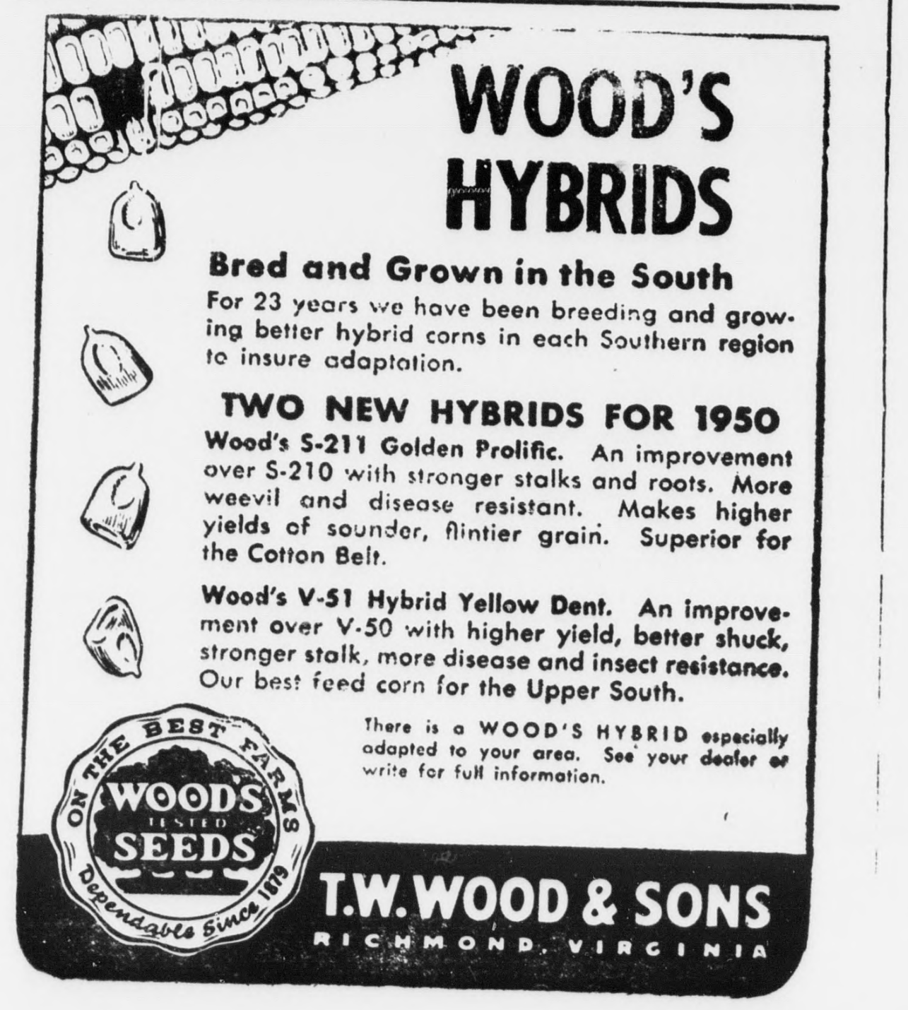
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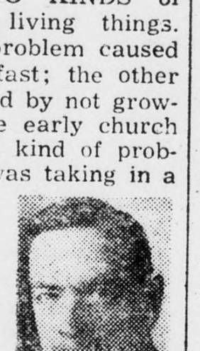
SCRIPTURE: Acts 15:1-35; Galatins 2.
DEVOTIONAL READING: John 8:31-

Fight for Freedom

Lesson for February 19, 1950.



Dr. Foreman

HERE ARE TWO KINDS of problems with living things. e is the kind of problem caused its growing too fast; the other the problem caused by not grow- fast enough. The early church d mostly the first kind of prob- n, at any rate it was taking in a of members om the older ristians found ange. At first Christians had en Jews; no one ught of anything e. But in Anti- , as we have en, and even re as the church read westward und the edge of the Mediter- nean, the Christian churches were ing up with non-Jewish mem- rs, just as they are today.

t is no secret that in the Mason- order there are 33 degrees. It not possible for a new member be taken right into the 33rd de- e the first night. Everybody has go through the lower degrees ich are called the Blue Lodge. w many persons in that early rch thought of the Jewish faith a sort of Christian Blue Lodge.

All the very earliest Chris- ians had been members of hat lodge; why shouldn't every ne else be the same? So when aul and Barnabas came back rom that historic missionary our of Cyprus and points orth, telling about the large umber of new Christians, hese old-style Christians shook heir heads.

aul was by-passing the Blue dge; he was taking in members o had not gone through the prop- preliminaries, the first degrees.

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at Makes a Man Christian?

UL KNEW a real Christian when he saw one. So did rnabas. And the two of them w, right down in their souls, t they had seen real conver- s, genuine cases of persons ing out of pagan darkness into istian light, without being Jews all, even for five seconds.

he vital question was simply : What makes a Christian? The -style Christians, who had been s themselves and still were, all their Christian faith, said: less you are circumcized and p all the laws of Moses, you not be saved—you cannot even in to be a Christian. Paul and rnabas—not alone, but as spokes- n for many others in the church aid: You are saved by faith. he Jerusalem Christian said: s, you are saved by faith, AND keeping the law of Moses. Paul d: you are saved by faith, period.

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w They Settled It

E WAY that problem was settled is a model for all istian churches with problems their hands. First of all, the gument was brought out into the n; it was not a whispering cam- gn. Second, it was settled after ing both sides plenty of oppor- ity for full discussion in public. ird, it was settled not informally by a church council, a group of resentative leaders, not by a ple majority vote of all church mbers indiscriminately. Fourth, was settled (as the reader of Acts may see) by appeals to fact and Scripture.

Finally, once the leaders had nade up their minds, the hurch at large accepted their lecision promptly, without fur- her bickering. This has been he pattern for the Christian hurch ever since, though alas! t has not always been followed.

There would have been fewer urch splits if the example of the rly church had been more ser- usly taken.

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ith and Obedience

SSENTIALLY, that first great church council decided on the le of Paul and Barnabas But y did not throw the Old Testa- ent overboard. The moral law as as good as it ever was. But e council showed, once and for l, the true relations between ristian faith and obedience to e law of God.

There is just one doorway to the Father's house, the door- way of faith. We do not have to keep the law of Moses, or any set of laws, first. We are saved BY obedience.

We are not saved FROM obedi- nce. But we are saved FOR obe- ience. A Christian's obedience to God is not a way of earning God's good-will. It is a grateful response o God's grace. And that makes all he difference in the world.

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Hixburg

Hixburg, Feb. 13.- Herbert Gillam, of Roanoke, was a dinner guest in the home of E. P. Sears Sunday night.

Mrs. B. G. Grinstead and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Goin attended the christening of Bettibel Marshall Carson at Prospect Methodist Church Sunday A. M. They were the dinner guests at "Walnut Shade" Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Carson, Bettibel, John and Miss Jessie Carson called at the homes of J. R. Marshall and E. H. Carson Sunday P. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Ural Carson and Ural II, of Newport News, were week-end guests at "Scotland."

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Carson and a square dance in Farmville on Saturday night.

Mrs. B. G. Grinstead and C. B. Carson called at the homes of E. P. Sears and J. B. Wilson Sunday P. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McClure, of Glasgow spent the week- end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wilson.

Liberty Chapel

Liberty Chapel, Feb. 13.- Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Harvey Jr. and Gloria Ann were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Harvey, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Reynolds were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Coleman, of Lynchburg. Those visiting in the afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Reynolds, Sr. and family, and Mrs. Paul Thornhill.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Thornhill, of Abingdon spent several days last week with W. W. Thornhill. Mrs. Thornhill remained to visit her sister, Mrs. Walker Garrett.

Leslie Totty and son, Braxton Coleman, Billy Coleman and Sonny Smith visited Mr. and Mrs. George Spiggle, of Richmond recently.

Mrs. Preston Coleman, Mrs. Jessie Harvey, Jr. and Mrs. Paul Thornhill were in Appomattox Monday to attend the home demonstration club leaders' meeting on making a "best dress."

The Rev. J. P. Leitner is a patient at the Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Garrett visited their daughter-in-law, Mrs. David Garrett, of Evergreen, last week.

Gladstone

Gladstone, Feb. 11.- Milton Cunningham, who has been stationed at Fort Benning, Ga., has received his honorable discharge from the Army and has returned to his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. B. K. McCraw, of Durham, N. C., have returned home after visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Cunningham.

Miss Nellie G. Christian, of Madison Heights has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Forrest T. Banton.

Mrs. Alice Thomas has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Emma Smith, of Lynchburg.

Mrs. G. M. Thurman was called to Richmond Friday on account of the illness of her daughter.

HINTS FOR HANDIER HOUSEWORK

By: Margaret Alphin,
Home Economist, Virginia Electric and Power Company

The following hints have been collected from a group of efficient homemakers who keep house and like it. Have you tried?

1. Washing your egg beater in cold water immediately after using. Hot water sets the egg protein and makes it hard to clean.

2. Storing dry cereals, crackers and salt in the warmer drawer of your range during damp weather.
3. Putting a thin coating of butter over the cut surface of cheese to keep it from drying out.

4. Saving time by making square biscuits instead of round ones. This way there are no ends of dough to re-roll.

5. Using a small two-inch paint brush to dust books, bric-a-brac, carved furniture and other hard to reach places.

6. Rolling the linens you don't want creased around a mailing tube.
7. Poaching left-over egg yolks in boiling water and using in sandwich fillings.
8. Attaching a brown paper bag to the front of the food chopper to catch bread crumbs and other foods that scatter.
9. Putting a pin-up lamp near your sink if the only light in the kitchen is a ceiling fixture.
10. Dusting walls upward to prevent streaking.
11. Rolling pie crust between sheets of waxed paper to prevent sticking and use of extra flour.
12. Dusting all lamp bulbs and ceiling fixtures at least monthly to get more light from them.

Play safe—drive carefully.

Foes of the Brannan farm plan may hit potato set-up.

United States and Canadian forces hold joint maneuvers.

Tuesday was Valentine's Day.

SEEDING BLUEGRASS

Spring seedings of bluegrass should be made in February or early March, says A. G. Smith, Jr., associate horticulturist at V. P. I.

Bluegrass starts best in cool weather—and if you wait until late April to seed the tender seedlings may be killed by hot weather.

Smith says although the fall season is the best time to sow lawn grass seed, many lawns have to be seeded in late winter and early spring.

On old lawns, sow bluegrass on top of the sod as early as possible. Use plenty of seed, and fertilizer. A mixture such as 5—10—5 gives good results.

BATHS FOR SHRUBS

A bath for evergreen shrubs and small trees!

That's the advice of A. G. Smith, Jr., associate horticulturist at V. P. I.

During the winter, leaves of boxwood, yews, arborvitae, holly, and many other ornamentals, accumulate a heavy coating of soot and dust. The dirty coating usually is heaviest where plants are set close to buildings or under trees. In such positions, even heavy rains cannot wash off the soot and dust.

So when a warm day comes this month or next, give those sooty leaves a good bath. Put a nozzle on the hose, then tie the end of the hose to a mop stick. By turning the nozzle in different directions, and with good water pressure, wash the foliage inside and out. Repeat two or three times before summer.

Last Sunday was the 70th birthday of John L. Lewis.

Snow and sleet hit midwest.

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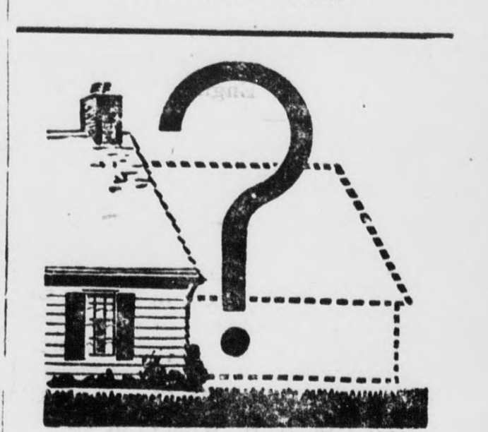
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